

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/726,176

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 3-28-05; telephone interviews of 4-26-05 and 9-8-05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 02 December 2003 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 4-26-05.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in telephone interviews with Mr. Eric Fincham on 26 April 2005 and 8 September 2005.

The application has been amended as follows: In claim 1, line 11, the phrase –about an axis of rotation– has been inserted after “movable,” in line 18, the phrase –and having an axis of rotation linearly offset and noncoincident with the axis of rotation of said exterior handle– has been inserted between “position” and the semicolon; on page 3, line 7, of the specification, the phrase “, the first and second linkages being independent of each other” has been deleted; on page 5, the first paragraph (i.e., lines 1, 2) has been deleted in its entirety; on page 7, line 18, the word –unlocking– has been inserted after “before.”

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The claims in this application have been allowed because the prior art does not disclose an aircraft door including the combination of first and second locking members each having a distal end arranged to move between engaged and disengaged positions with respect to a door frame portion; a central actuator, with each of the locking members having a proximal end connected to the actuator; an exterior handle; an interior handle having an axis of rotation linearly offset and noncoincident

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with an axis of rotation of the exterior handle; a first linkage extending from the exterior handle to the central actuator such that when the exterior handle is moved from an exterior handle closed position to an exterior handle open position, the actuator will move from a first to a second position; and a second linkage extending from the interior handle to the central actuator such that when the interior handle is moved from a closed to an open position, the actuator will move from its first position to its second position.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

This case is being passed to issue with allowed claims 1-3.

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